

REMARKS

Applicants affirm election of Group I for prosecution without traverse.

Applicants have amended their claims to obviate the Examiner's rejection on §112 grounds. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection.

Applicants have also amended their claims to add the Q structures that would result when n is one (monofunctional compounds). Support for this amendment can be found within the specification where it is stated that n can be one, and specifically on page 5, line 11.

The Examiner has rejected the claims under 35 USC 102(b) and 103(a) in view of US patents 4,370,467 to Gaku; 4,581,461 to Rossi; 4,806,608 to Klemarczyk; and 4,886,842 to Drain. Applicants have amended their claims to obviate the rejections based on Gaku and Drain, and respectfully traverse the rejections based on Rossi and Klemarczyk for the following reasons.

Klemarczyk discloses bismaleimide compounds in which a phenyl ring is attached to the nitrogen of the maleimide, and alkylene or alkenylene group to the phenyl ring, and a siloxane to the alkylene or alkenylene group. Siloxanes can be present in applicants' compositions as claimed in claims 6 and 7, namely in a compound in which the Q group has ester linkages. Klemarczyk does not disclose or claim ester linkages, or suggest ester linkages for its compounds; consequently, applicants request the Examiner to withdraw the 102(b) and 103(a) rejections based on this reference.

Rossi discloses bismaleimide compounds in which a phenyl ring is attached to the nitrogen of the maleimide, and a siloxane to the phenyl ring. Siloxanes can be present in applicants' compositions as claimed in claims 6 and 7, namely in a compound in which the Q group has alkyl or alkyloxy and ester



linkages. Rossi does not disclose or claim ester linkages, or suggest ester linkages for its compounds; consequently, applicants request the Examiner to withdraw the 102(b) and 103(a) rejections based on this reference.

Applicants believe the application is now in form for allowance and will cancel the remaining claims when allowance is given.

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